

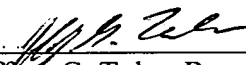
The Applicant further disagrees with the characterizations relied on by the Office to support distinctness of the groups.

In summary, Applicant has elected the claims of Group I for further prosecution and provisionally withdrawn the non-elected claims from consideration. Reconsideration and further prosecution on the merits of at least claims in Group I is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due with this Response and the attached Information Disclosure Statement. However, in the event it is determined any fees are due in association with this correspondence, please charge the Toler, Larson & Abel LLP deposit account number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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